

(e) have any petitions been received from the raiyats praying for the reduction of the rate of assessment ;

(f) what action was taken in respect of those petitions ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesava-iengar).—

(a) In the year 1933-34 (the latest year in which it discharged).

(b) 269 acres.

(c) Yes, 94 applications were received.

(d) Rs. 995-1-11. Single water-rate was levied on lands grown with wet crops.

(e) and (f) None.

Mr. H. C. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—With reference to answer to (b), has it come to the notice of the Government that a larger extent of land has come under irrigation ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. H. C. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—Do the 269 acres referred to in the answer include dry lands also ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Cannot say.

Improvement of Water Sources in Tumkur District.

Q.—24. Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH (Sira Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) how many petitions were presented by the raiyats in the Tumkur District to the Revenue and Public Works Departments since 1933-34 until now praying for the improvement of water sources for cultivation purposes, such as construction and repairs, etc., of tanks, *nalas*, *anicut*s, etc. ;

(b) in respect of how many of these, action was taken and with what result ;

(c) in respect of how many of these, contributions have been recovered ? (The above particulars may be kindly furnished *salwar*, taluk and villagewar.)

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to

GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesava-iengar).—

(a) to (c) Twenty-seven petitions to the Public Works Department as per statement appended (*vide* Appendix).

A statement giving particulars in respect of the Revenue Department is also appended (*vide* Appendix).

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—In the statement referred to in the Appendix, it is stated that the improvements to certain tanks in the Sira Taluk are included in the triennial programme of the works. But, have any estimates been prepared in respect of those works ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—Are not these works to be included in the list after estimates are prepared in respect of them ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—What is the object of preparing the estimates unless funds are made available for executing the works ? If only estimates are prepared and the works are not undertaken immediately, they may have to be revised once again.

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—Is it not a fact that during the last three years no tanks have been taken up for improvement, in the Sira Taluk ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If there are any tanks which require urgent repairs, they will be taken up as early as possible.

Travelling Allowance of District Officers.

Q.—25. Mr. ABDUL NABI KHAN (Tumkur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) how many District Officers drawing a pay of Rs. 300 and above, who tour all over their district and claim travelling allowance without maintaining any of the following conveyances, are there in the eight districts of the State—

(i) a cycle, or (ii) a *jutka*, or (iii) a bullock cart, or (iv) a motor car ;

(b) what are the designations and names of these officers ?